

selecting a data object from the set of data objects and transmitting a control signal to indicate the selected data object; and  
receiving the control signal and displaying the selected data object on the display system in response to the control signal.

21. (Amended) The method of Claim 20  $\pm$ , wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects having a graphical representation.

22. (Amended) The method of Claim 20  $\pm$ , wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving a set of data objects of at least one of common data objects and private data objects.

23. (Amended) The method of Claim 20  $\pm$ , wherein the character is an ASCII character.

24. (Amended) The method of Claim 20  $\pm$ , wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are image data.

25. (Amended) The method of Claim 24 5, wherein the image data are selected from the group consisting of Joint Photographic Experts Group (.JPG), graphic interchange (.GIF), and fractal image compression (.FTC).

26. (Amended) The method of Claim 20  $\pm$ , wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are video data.

27. (Amended) The method of Claim 26 7, wherein the video data is in full multimedia file format (.MPG).
28. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 †, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are text.
29. (Amended) The method of Claim 28 9, wherein the text is one of standard ASCII text (.TXT) and Microsoft rich text (.RTF).
30. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 †, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are computer aided design (CAD).
31. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 †, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are drawings.
32. (Amended) The method of Claim 31 †3, wherein the drawings are in the file format .BMP.
33. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 †, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are spreadsheets.
34. (Amended) The method of Claim 33 †4, wherein the spreadsheets are in the file format .XLS or .WK1.

35. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 +, wherein step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are word processing files.
36. (Amended) The method of Claim 35 +6, wherein the word processing files are in the format .DOC.
37. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 +, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are slide presentations.
38. (Amended) The method of Claim 37 +8, wherein the slide presentations are in the file format .PPT.
39. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 +, further comprising the step of, at a respective user site, transmitting and receiving a signal to and from other user sites.
40. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 +, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises an Internet network.
41. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 +, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises a satellite network.

42. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 ~~±~~, wherein the receiving step further comprises:
- storing the received control signals;
  - subsequently retrieving the stored control signals; and
  - displaying the selected data objects in response to the retrieved control signals.
43. (Amended) The method of Claim 42 ~~23~~, wherein the retrieving and displaying steps occur non-simultaneously at each user site.
44. (Amended) The method of Claim 20 ~~±~~, further comprising the steps, at a user site, of:
- recording the signals to produce recorded signals;
  - playing the recorded signals; and
  - displaying selected data objects on a display system in response to the recorded signals.
45. (Amended) The method of Claim 44 ~~25~~, wherein the signal is a voice communications signal.

46. (Original) A method of conferencing, comprising the steps of:
- retrieving a set of executable data objects from a host computer;
  - processing the set of data objects in a storage device, the storage device located at a respective user site and having a storage system for data object storage;
  - operationally attaching a display system to at least one storage device;
  - operationally connecting the user site into the conference;
  - selecting a data object from the set of data objects and transmitting a control signal to indicate the selected data object; and
  - receiving the control signal and displaying the selected data object on the display system in response to the control signal.
47. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving a set of data objects of at least one of common data objects and private data objects.
48. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are image data.
49. (Amended) The method of Claim 48 29, wherein the image data are selected from the group consisting of Joint Photographic Experts Group (.JPG), graphic interchange (.GIF), and fractal image compression (.FTC).
50. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further

comprises retrieving data objects that are video data.

51. (Amended) The method of Claim 50 31, wherein the video data is in full multimedia file format (.MPG).

52. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are text.

53. (Amended) The method of Claim 52 33, wherein the text is one of standard ASCII text (.TXT) and Microsoft rich text (.RTF).

54. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are computer aided design (CAD).

55. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are drawings.

56. (Amended) The method of Claim 55 36, wherein the drawings are in the file format .BMP.

57. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are spreadsheets.

58. (Amended) The method of Claim 57 38, wherein the spreadsheets are in the file

format .XLS or .WK1.

59. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are word processing files.
60. (Amended) The method of Claim 59 40, wherein the word processing files are in the format .DOC.
61. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, wherein the step of retrieving further comprises retrieving data objects that are slide presentations.
62. (Amended) The method of Claim 61 42, wherein the slide presentations are in the file format .PPT.
63. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, further comprising the step of, at a respective user site, transmitting and receiving a signal to and from other user sites.
64. (Amended) The method of Claim 46 27, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises an Internet network.
65. (Amended) The method of claim 46 27, operationally connecting the user site into the conference via a wide area network, wherein the wide area network comprises a satellite network.